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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF EPMG REINFORCEMENTS IN ASMARA

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1. SEVERAL RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT THAT ETHIOPIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE BEGUN ARRIVING IN ASMARA BY EAF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. TEN TRUCKLOADS OF YOUNG TROOPS, UNARMED AND WITHOUT EQUIPMENT, WERE SEEN LEAVING CIVIL AIRPORT ON JAN. 6, PRESUMABLY HEADED FOR SECOND DIVISION HQ AT TRACT ECHO. JAN. 7, FOURTEEN MORE TRUCKS OF TROOPS WERE SEEN HEADED FROM AIRPORT TO SECOND DIV., BRINGING TOTAL REINFORCEMENT TO APPROXIMATELY ONE BATTALION. NEW TROOPS SHOUTED AND JEERED AT PASSERS-BY AND ARE OBVIOUSLY NEW TO ERITREAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY

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WILL BE BILLETED AT FORMER KAGNEW TRACTS CHARLIE AND TX.

2. ARRIVAL OF THESE REINFORCEMENTS IS REALIZATION OF WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT EPMG FORCES WOULD BE BEEFED UP TO BEGIN WIDER-RANGING OPERATIONS AGAINST INSURGENTS. THEIR ARRIVAL CAN BE EXPECTED TO BOLSTER MORALE OF EPMG FORCES IN ERITREA. SEVERAL APPREHENSIVE ERITREANS HAVE REPORTED THAT THESE TROOPS ARE ALLEGEDLY ONLY FIRST WAVE OF RUMORED 7 TO 11 THOUSAND ADDITIONAL EPMG TROOPS TO BE ASSIGNED IN REGION.
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